

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 26 is canceled herein, as this claim was withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6, 8-11 and 24-25 are currently pending.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIM 25 UNDER 35 USC 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claim 25 is amended to overcome the objection.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-6, 8-11 AND 25 UNDER 35 USC 102(E) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY CREMON (US PATENT NO. 6,802,659)

Claim 1 recites a roll of packaging material that is attachable to a bag forming machine, the roll comprising: (a) a holder; (b) a strip of packaging material wound around said holder; and (c) a recording medium provided on said holder, said recording medium electromagnetically recording packaging related information that is readable from said recording medium in a non-contact fashion through a resonance phenomenon of radio waves while said strip is wound around said holder. As recited in claim 1, the recorded packaging related information is read from the recording medium in a non-contact fashion through a resonance phenomenon of radio waves by the bag forming machine while said strip is wound around said holder and, in accordance with the read packaging related information, bags containing a product are formed by the bag forming machine by unwinding said strip.

Please note that claim 1 is amended to clarify the above-described features. Support for the amendments is found, for example, in FIGS. 1, 2 and 3, and the disclosure on page 21, line 22, through page 23, line 1; page 24, line 16, through page 25, line 17, of the specification.

Cremon discloses a roll of paper which has an RFID tag located at different positions on the roll.

However, Cremon is directed to a roll of *printing paper* for use by a *printer*. See, for example, the Abstract, and column 4, lines 33-65, of Cremon.

Cremon does not disclose or suggest a roll of *packaging material* that is attachable to a *bag forming machine* which *forms bags* in accordance with the *read packaging related information* as recited, for example, in claim 1.

The above comments are specifically directed to claim 1. However, it is respectfully

submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding differences of other claims over the cited reference.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

IV. CONCLUSION

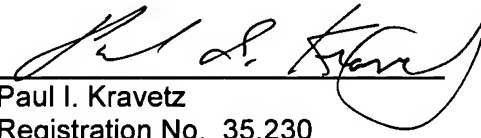
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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